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**In re the Application of:** Chen, et al.

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**For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONCURRENTLY DETECTING  
PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS AND  
ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY**

**Group Art Unit:** 1623

**Examiner:** Marjorie A. Moran

**PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION**

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Sir:

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